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THE COPPIE OF A LETTER SENT FROM ONE OF THE QVEENES SERVANTS AT THE *Hague* to a Gentleman in *Weſtminſter* Dated the ſecond of *May*. 1642.

VVHEREVNTO is added two ſtrange Propheſies concerning theſe times.

With the predictions of *Henry* of *Huntington*.

written by *Tho: Aſſadowne*, in the year of our Lord, 1556.

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A Letter from the Hague.

Sir.

GIue me leave to assure you, that you have further obleiged me, by your paines already taken in writing to me then from this place you can expect to have any satisfactory requitall in that way.

There harned a very sad disastrous accident (on Friday the 15. of this instant *Aprill*) vnto the sonne of the Lady *Kirgsmels*, who was servant to the Prince Elector, and had remained in the Emperours Court a Prisoner with Prince Robert during the time of his restraint there. And thus it was; there had passed a quarrell and single Duell, betwixt one M. *Stepkins* a Cavelere (who came over when we came, & whom I remember I had lately seene in *England*) and M. *Cutts* sonne to the Lady *Morton*; and it so falling out that they were to meete a second time, (upon some aggravations, had beene given by way of report from *Stepkins*, as that he had disarmed *Cutts*, and given him his life) in the intrim, M. *Kingsmell* being an intimate friend of Master *Cutts*, vnluckily interposed, and unnecessarily ingageth himselfe to fight with *Stepkins* and paid his life for it, that morning on the strand at *Skerveling*, close by the Sea side little more then a myle from the Hague.

The Queene was yesterday entertained by the Prince of *Orange* at his House at *Hounslow-dike*, the same place she dined at the day she came to the *Hague*; She did returne the last night againe, and is to see *Roterdam* on Munday next, which is not above 3. or 4. houers goeing by land or water. And (they say) returnes the same night, which I hardly beleive.

About a fortnight after that, she resolves to see *Amsterdam*, which will be about the time, the Prince goes to the Feild. Then after we have seene *Virick*, and *Leyden* and other places; I suppose the returne will be to the Hague.

The *Imperiall* City *Cullen* (in *Germany*) is straitly beseiged by the *French* and *Hollanders*, and it is presumed they will take it; the bearer hereof (one of the *Queenes* footemen) returnes againe suddainly; *I* pray you write at large: So presenting my love to you, and all my freinds I rest yours

M. M.

Hague the 2. of May, 1642.

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PROPHECIE CONCERNING theſe Times.

VVHen *Iames* ſhall ſeek a ſecond Crown,
as in white Armour ore the Down:
Iames needs not croſſe the briniſh ſeas,
but take the fatall ſtone with eaſe.
High conſultrations when they hold,
beſt counſell oft ſhall be controll'd
and falſe in heart, grow ſtrong and bold.
But the harm that they for others hatch,
ſhall be a ſnare themſelves to catch.
A marriage ſhall be gone about,
not without danger, fear, and doubt.
They ſhall miſſe the mark, yet all is well,
but when they hit, the times ſhall tell.
Though *Iames* be wiſe and learn'd withall,
yet ſtumble in the end he ſhall;
And *Iames* ſhall vaniſh from their face
at halfe *Elizabeths* royall Race.
High Courts of head and members knitting,
are now not thought ſo much befitting.
But uſing Forraign policies,
grudgings and diſcontents ariſe,
Yet ſhall they aſſemble to that ſeat,
about ſome work of moment great.

But there ſhall ſuch diſſentions grow,
that each at other gloves ſhall throw:
Which ſtriſe ſhall ſo encreaſe, that they
in fury all depart away.
Who ſhall their Tenants and their men,
with all their forces gather then,
And lead them forth to our great Heath,
where many a man ſhall taſte of death.
Then proclamation ſhall be made,
to gather forces for their ayde.
The Souldiers ſhall full faſt encreaſe,
foure ſeverall times till ſilver ceaſe.
Firſt twelve pence, then four groats is cride,
then twenty pence to help their ſide:
Two ſhillings then they cry for ayd,
but yet this laſt ſhall ne're be payd,
for ere they come an end is made.
Thus ſhall they greater forces crave,
though maintainance want for thoſe they have.
Then each to other ſhall complain,
a Princes power who can maintain.
Then one ſhall looke upon another,
and by ſome means confer together:
And ſecretly appoint a day,
to take their Leaders lives away.
Before thoſe times a Plague ſhall raign,
and even then ſhall ſtill remain,
which with the number of the ſlain.
Such as in thoſe times live, ſhall ſee
great trouble and calamitie.
To ſuch as are good Land-lords known,
perhaps ſome favour ſhall be ſhown:
And ſuch as have plenty of ſtore,

are in leſſe ſafety then the poore.
Then twenty pound of money in hand
is better then ſo much yearly land:
A loafe, a cloake, a privy clough,
exceed ſix Oxen and a plough.
When Forraine Countries gaine
what tribulation we ſuſtaine.
Then one from *France* ſhall claime pretend,
who on a blocke his life muſt end.
From *Scotland* then one needs be chiefe,
which there muſt dye without reliefe.
From *Ireland* likewiſe ſhall be one
muſt loſe his head upon a ſtone.
A childe with his Chaplaine then ſhall come,
which to this Realm his right ſhall doome:
He ſhall this Kingdome wiſely guide,
and other Kingdomes nine beſide.
Then foure great Dukes he ſhall elect,
whoſe Lawes ſhall ever take effect.
No man ſhall Lawyers counſell crave,
for men their right at home ſhall have:
And Officers each Towne within,
ſhall right the wrong, and puniſh ſin.
He ſhall bring down *Romes* godleſſe pride,
and ſpread Chriſts Goſpel far and wide,
the *Turke* ſhall not his force abide.
Worthies be nine, ſo reckon we,
and this the tenth, and laſt ſhall be.

The Moone obſcured ſixty yeare,
Shall get her light, and ſhine full cleare.

Henr. Huntingdonenſis Hiſt. l. 6. initio.

PRedixit etiam eis quidam vir Dei quod exſcelerum ſuorum immunitate, non ſolum quia ſemper cædi & proditioni ſtudebunt, verum etiam quia ſemper ebrietati & negligentiæ Domus Domini dediti erant, eis inſperatum A Franciæ adventurum Dominum, quod & eorum excellentium in æternum deprimeret, & honorem ſine termino reſtitutionis eventilarent. Predixit etiam quod non eagens ſolum, verum etiam Scotorum quos viliſſimos habebant, eis ad emeritano confuſionem dominaretur. Prædixit Nihilominus varium edeo ſæculum creandum, ut varietas quæ in mentibus hominum latebat, & in actibus ptaebat, multimodo variatione veſtium & in Damentorum deſignaretur.

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OF

Tho: Aſladovvne,

Written in the yeare of our Lord, 1556.

THe time ſhall come, that there ſhall bee ſhewed many ſtrange things. Firſt, the peaching of Traytors, of diviſions in divers Realmes; Great riſing of Merchants, Confuſion of Money-makers, great ſtealing; The deſtruction of Traytors, and of rich men; much witchcraft, great plenty of Wormes, Rats, and Frogs ingendred in the Ayre, great hunger amongſt the People, great dearth and ſcarceneſſe of divers things: Namely, in the Land of Britaine, and in England, and France, great oppreſsion of bloud, impriſonments of many men. In England ſhall be much *Battaile*, ſo that there ſhall be few or no qniet place to abide in; and the counſell of Aged men ſhall not be ſet by. The men of the Church,

Princes

Princes, and Lords ſhall forſake righteouſneſſe. The common people ſhall not know for feare which way to turne themſelves. The Father and the Mother ſhall be hated of their Children. Men of Worſhip ſhall have no reverence of their Subjects, Chaſtitie ſhall be broken with Maydens, wedded-Women, Men, and Widdowes, and alſo with men of Religion. Many Sects and Hereſies ſhall ariſe in thoſe times; and great deſolations ſhall be fall by the ſword, which is the greateſt evill; with much more then I can tell, from the which Almightie God defend, and bring us to thy bliſſe, ſweete Ieſus.

FINIS.